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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

KAYLA CASHMAN BY AND THROUGH
HER GUARDIAN AD LITEM,
BERNADETTE HILGEMAN; AND
STEPHEN CASHMAN, AN INDIVIDUAL,

Plaintiffs,

v.

SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL
DISTRICT; JAMES GOOD,
INDIVIDUALLY, and DOES 1 through 20,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 08 CV 0519-BEN (POR)

**REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE IN
SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS' MOTION
TO DISMISS PURSUANT TO F.R.C.P.
12(b)(1), (6)**

[F.R.C.P. 12(b)(1),(6)]

DATE: June 30, 2008
TIME: 10:30 a.m.
COURTROOM.: 3
JUDGE: Roger T. Benitez

Defendants SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (the "District") and
JAMES GOOD ("Mr. Good," and collectively with the District, the "Defendants") hereby request
the Court to take judicial notice of the documents identified below and attached hereto, pursuant
to Federal Rule of Evidence 201 and *Parrino v. FHP*, 146 F3d 699, 706 (1998):

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Exhibit "A"

Plaintiffs KAYLA CASHMAN's and STEPHEN CASHMAN's
Complaint filed on March 20, 2008.

DATED: May 21, 2008

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PLAINTIFF(S),

COMPLAINT FOR PERSONAL INJURY

V.

SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT;
JAMES GOOD, INDIVIDUALLY AND
DOES 1 THROUGH 20

1. UNLAWFUL SEARCH AND SEIZURE
2. UNLAWFUL POLICIES, CUSTOMS OR HABITS
3. NEGLIGENCE
4. FALSE ARREST/FALSE IMPRISONMENT
5. CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATION
6. INTENTION INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS

Judge:
Dept:

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COMES NOW plaintiffs, Kayla Cashman by and through her Guardian ad Litem
Bernadette Hilgeman, and Stephen Cashman, individually and for causes of action against
defendants and each of them, complains and alleges as follows:

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

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2 1. Plaintiff, KAYLA CASHMAN, is a minor and resident of San Diego, California, and
3 the accident complained herein occurred in the County of San Diego. Plaintiff is a minor having
4 been born on July 11, 1991. Plaintiff alleges and affirms that a proper governmental claim was
5 submitted to the San Diego Unified School District for the injuries alleged herein, and such claim
6 was denied, in a letter dated September 24, 2007, and thereafter mailed by the District.
7 Following the Dismissal of all charges in the criminal action, a supplemental claim was
8 submitted to the District, which claim was summarily denied on March 19, 2008. The time for
9 bringing this complaint is within the statutory timelines provided by law.

10 2. Plaintiff, Stephen Cashman, is a resident of the County of San Diego. Plaintiff
11 alleges and affirms that a proper governmental claim was submitted to the San Diego Unified
12 School District for the injuries alleged herein, and such claim was denied, in a letter dated
13 September 24, 2007, and thereafter mailed by the District. The complaint brought herein is filed
14 within the requisite statutory period for bringing such claims.

15 3. Defendant SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (hereinafter "District") at all
16 times relevant to this complaint was and/or is a governmental agency and/or District and which is
17 subject to the Government code. The District owns and operates Patrick Henry High School
18 wherein the acts herein complained occurred on and after March 31, 2007.

19 4. Defendant JAMES GOOD (hereinafter "Good") at all times relevant to this
20 complaint was and/or is a resident of San Diego, and further, during all relevant times to this
21 complaint was acting outside the authority provided to him as a District, and whose actions were
22 so reprehensible as to subject him to independent liability for the acts complained of herein.

23 5 Plaintiff is unaware of the true names and capacities of the defendants named as
24 DOES 1 through 50, and therefore sue these defendants as fictitious parties. Plaintiff will, upon
25 learning the true names and capacities of these DOE defendants, seek leave to amend the
26 complaint so that the true names and capacities of these individuals may be added to the
27 complaint. At this time, Plaintiff states on information and belief that each of the fictitiously
28 named defendants was at all pertinent times acting as the agent of the named defendants and one

1 another and are responsible in some manner for the events and happenings herein referred to and
2 caused injuries and damages proximately thereby as hereinafter alleged.

3 **FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

4 6. On or about March 31, 2007, plaintiff was a student at Patrick Henry High School
5 (hereinafter referred to as PHHS) which is part of the San Diego Unified School District.
6 Plaintiff was a member of the Patrick Henry High School track team and was participating in the
7 Elmer Runge Invitational track meet sponsored by PHHS. Prior to the meet, plaintiff and other
8 PHHS track athletes were advised and requested to assist visiting team coaches, with
9 transportation of equipment.

10 7. According to PHHS custom and practice, students were utilized to operate District
11 owned golf and/or utility carts during the course of the track meet. District employees provided
12 keys and authority to student's to operate the golf carts. On March 31, 2007, two (2) such
13 students were selected, but the responsible teacher/coach never verified California Driver's
14 license status or pre-existing disciplinary actions taken against either student. Neither student
15 recall being told other kids could not drive the carts. The students with the keys to the carts were
16 not monitored or supervised while the carts were used at the track meet.

17 8. Prior to 3:00 pm, on March 31, 2007, plaintiff, Kayla Cashman, saw students
18 driving the golf carts and helping put away cones and other materials utilized during the course
19 of the track meet. She subsequently only saw one cart being used, because one had ceased to
20 operate.

21 9. At approximately, 3:00 pm March 31, 2007, Plaintiff, Kayla Cashman, was asked
22 by one of the students driving the cart, if she wanted to drive, too which she responded yes.
23 While watching an event, one of the visiting track coaches requested assistance with materials he
24 needed taken to his car. Plaintiff agreed to assist, and she along with the other students took the
25 coaches equipment to his car which was parked on an upper level on PHHS property.

26 10. While returning to the main field level, plaintiff lost control of the cart, and
27 crashed into a cyclone fence causing herself injury, which included a broken ankle requiring
28 internal fixation and multiple surgeries. As of the date of this filing plaintiff, Kayla Cashman,

1 continues to suffer pain and discomfort in her ankle, and continues to have hardware embedded
2 in her ankle. Plaintiff never left school ground with the cart.

3 11. District personnel were aware of the accident and injuries on March 31, 2007.
4 PHHS students were on Spring Break from April 2nd through and including April 6, 2007.
5 Neither Plaintiff, Kayla Cashman, nor her parents were contacted regarding the cause of the
6 accident during Spring Break.

7 12. Campus police officer, Jesus Montana, received formal notification of the
8 accident on Sunday, April 2, 2007, via e-mail. On April 9, 2007, the students, including plaintiff
9 returned to School. Plaintiff, Kayla Cashman, was removed from her fifth period class, and
10 escorted by campus security assistant's to Mr. Montana's office. Prior to conducting
11 interrogation, Mr. Montana was aware that a criminal offense had been committed, and that
12 Plaintiff was the primary if not only alleged culprit. Officer Montana was unaware of the
13 Constitutional requirement requiring a parent be present during an interrogation. Officer
14 Montana was unaware of any District policy requiring a parent be present during an
15 interrogation. Officer Montana conducted the interrogation with only he and plaintiff present.
16 After the interrogation, Officer Montana arrested plaintiff for stealing the golf cart and
17 vandalism. Officer Montana subsequently released Plaintiff to defendant Good, advising
18 defendant Good of the arrest. Both officer Montana and defendant Good, repeatedly advised
19 plaintiff that all charges and disciplinary action would go away if she and/or her father agreed to
20 pay for the damage to the cart. Plaintiff refused.

21 13. Defendant Good thereafter contacted plaintiff, Stephen Cashman, and advised him
22 that his daughter had been arrested, for felony theft and vandalism arising out of the golf cart
23 incident, and further advised plaintiff Stephen Cashman that all charges would be dismissed and
24 disciplinary action would stop, if Stephen Cashman agreed to pay for damage to the cart.

25 14. Plaintiffs' refused to pay for the golf cart repairs, and appealed the suspension.
26 Based upon further investigation by the Defendant District, the Amended suspension form was to
27 delete any reference to property theft. Despite these representations by the DISTRICT on March
28 6, 2008, plaintiff, Kayla Cashman formally appeared for trial on felony counts of theft and

1 malicious vandalism. Despite the self – serving testimony of Officer Montana, the Court, per the
2 Honorable, Judge Cynthia Bashant, granted defendants §1118 motion and dismissed all charges
3 against plaintiff, Kayla Cashman after the prosecution rested its case in chief for lack of
4 evidence.

5 I.

6 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

7 [42 U.S.C. §1983 Constitutional Violations—
8 Unlawful Search and Seizure and Excessive Force]

9 15. Plaintiff, Kayla Cashman, by and through her Guardian ad Litem realleges and
10 incorporates by reference each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs 1 through 14 above
11 as though fully set forth herein.

12 16. As a result of the acts alleged above, particularly the unlawful detentions,
13 unlawful arrest and unlawful seizures of Plaintiff as described above, Plaintiff was unlawfully
14 seized by Defendant District, by virtue of the action of officer Montana and Good, without a
15 warrant, probable cause or reasonable suspicion, and without conducting a proper investigation.
16 Thus, Plaintiff suffered an unlawful seizure in violation of her constitutional rights as guaranteed
17 by the Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution. As a result, Plaintiff is entitled to
18 damages pursuant to Title 42 U.S.C. § 1983, et seq. in an amount to be proven at trial.

19 17. As a further result of the acts alleged above, defendant used unreasonable,
20 unjustified threat of excessive force and coercion upon Plaintiff Kayla Cashman. This
21 unreasonable and excessive use of force constituted an unlawful seizure, in violation of
22 Plaintiff's constitutional rights as guaranteed by the Fourth Amendment to the United States
23 Constitution. As a result, Plaintiff Kayla Cashman is entitled to damages pursuant to Title 42
24 U.S.C. § 1983 in an amount to be proven at trial.
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18. As a further result of the acts alleged above, particularly the acts of filing false and/or inaccurate police reports which caused Plaintiff Kayla Cashman to be falsely charged with criminal violations, Plaintiff Kayla Cashman suffered an unlawful and/or malicious prosecution in violation of her right against unreasonable seizures as guaranteed by the Fourth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. As a result, Plaintiff Kayla Cashman is entitled to damages pursuant to Title 42 U.S.C. section 183, et seq. in an amount to be proven in trial.

19. In committing and witnessing the acts alleged above, defendants and each of them failed to prevent, stop and/or intervene in these unprovoked and unjustified acts of unlawful detention/arrest, excessive force and/or malicious prosecution against Plaintiff, and failed to protect Plaintiff from these constitutional violations by its employees and/or agents, thereby violating Plaintiffs' Fourth Amendment rights.

20. As a proximate result of the acts alleged above, Plaintiff was injured in mind and body. Plaintiff suffered severe emotional distress from her unlawful seizures and the acts of threats by the officers. Plaintiff suffered additional emotional distress from her wrongful incarceration and her false/malicious prosecution. Plaintiff is therefore entitled to general and compensatory damages in an amount to be proven at trial.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

[42 U.S.C. § Constitutional Violations via
Unlawful Policies, Customs or Habits]

21. Plaintiff, Kayla Cashman, by and through her Guardian ad Litem realleges and incorporates by reference each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs 1 through 14 above as though fully set forth herein.

22. On information and belief Plaintiff Kayla Cashman alleges that defendant District individually, and through it's campus police, has unlawful policies, customs and habits of

1 improper and inadequate hiring, training, retention, discipline and supervision of it's officers,
2 proximately causing the constitutional deprivations, injuries and damages alleged in the First
3 Cause of Action. Plaintiff alleges that the policies established by the DISTRICT violate
4 Constitutional rights by failing to require a parent be present during interrogations, and as such
5 the DISTRICT violates its fiduciary duty to act as In loco parentis and violates its obligations to
6 act as In loco parentis. Plaintiff is further informed and believe that other citizens have been
7 treated unlawfully and abused by officers, but the District, has a custom, policy or practice of
8 failing to properly protect the rights of minor's by failing to contact a parent prior to
9 interrogations, thus leading to the Constitutional violations against Plaintiffs as described above.
10 As a result, Plaintiff is entitled to damages pursuant to Title 42 U.S.C. § 1983, in an amount to be
11 proven at trial.
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14 23. Further, on information and believe Plaintiff's allege that defendant District, has
15 an unlawful policy, custom or habit of permitting or condoning unlawful seizures and detentions,
16 by its campus police force,, and of permitting and condoning unlawful interrogations by its
17 officers, which led to unlawful search and seizure. Defendant District has a further unlawful
18 policy, custom and habit of inadequate training, supervision and discipline of its officers,
19 including the deputies involved in this incident.
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21 24. Specifically, the District refused and failed to investigate the complaint, of
22 Plaintiffs' herein. Indeed, District refused to investigate Plaintiffs' complaint based solely upon
23 the police report of the very officer that abused Plaintiff who was the subject of Plaintiffs'
24 complaint and whose version of this incident Plaintiff' vigorously disputed. In short, the District
25 reached a conclusion that the officer & administration acted properly without an investigation,
26 without interviewing several civilian witnesses and despite the fact that a Superior Court judge
27 dismissed Plaintiff Kayla Cashman's criminal case as a result of her finding that Plaintiffs were
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1 unlawfully seized by these deputies, in violation of their Fourth Amendment rights, and finding
2 no credible evidence to support the charges and/or crimes.

3 25. These policies and failures constituted additional ratification of and acquiescence
4 in acts of, false arrest, unlawful search and seizure and other improprieties by the District and its
5 officers, which thereby encourages officers to continue to commit additional improprieties, then
6 prepare false and inaccurate reports. These policies and failures were the moving force behind
7 the injuries suffered by Plaintiff, constituted ratification by the District and also constituted
8 deliberate indifference to the rights and safety of Plaintiff and other members of the public.
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10 26. As a proximate result of the unlawful policies, customs and habits alleged above,
11 Plaintiffs suffered the constitutional violations, injuries and damages alleged in the First Cause of
12 Action and thus are entitled to general and compensatory damages against defendant SDUSD in
13 an amount to be proven at trial.
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15 STATE LAW CLAIMS

16 The following claims are brought under California law on behalf of both Plaintiffs.
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18 THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

19 [Negligence]

20 27. Plaintiff, Kayla Cashman, by and through her Guardian ad Litem realleges and
21 incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 14 above as though
22 fully set forth herein.
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24 28. By the acts alleged above, Defendant District was negligent and breached its duty
25 of due care owed to Plaintiff, Kayla Cashman, thereby causing the injuries and severe emotional
26 distress as described in the Factual Allegations and the First Cause of Action, particularly
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1 paragraphs 6 through 20 above. Plaintiffs are therefore entitled to general and compensatory
 2 damages in an amount to be proven at trial.

3 29. Defendant, DISTRICT was further negligent in permitting student's to drive and
 4 utilize the golf carts without supervisory control, monitoring and oversight.

5 30. Defendant DISTRICT's failure to control and/or monitor and/or supervise the
 6 operation of the carts led directly to Plaintiff, Kayla Cashman's operating the cart and suffering
 7 of physical injuries by way of the cart running into the fence. Said inaction and failures by the
 8 DISTRICT was the proximate cause of plaintiff's injuries arising from the collision with the
 9 fence and for which she has suffered injury and incurred expenses, physical deformity, pain and
 10 suffering and distress.
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12 31. Further, Plaintiff is entitled to recover for the emotional distress she suffered as a
 13 result of the action of the District. Plaintiff is therefore entitled to recover general and
 14 compensatory damages for their emotional distress in an amount to be proven at trial.
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17 **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

18 [False Arrest/False Imprisonment]

19 30. Plaintiff, Kayla Cashman, by and through her Guardian ad Litem realleges and
 20 incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 29 above as though
 21 fully set forth herein.

22 31. By the acts alleged herein, particularly the act of unlawfully detaining, falsely
 23 arresting and/or falsely imprisoning Plaintiff, Kayla Cashman, without a warrant or probable
 24 cause, Plaintiff was falsely arrested and/or falsely imprisoned, entitling her to damages pursuant
 25 to California law.

26 32. As a result of these acts, Plaintiff suffered the injuries and damages described in
 27 the Factual Allegations and paragraphs 6 through 30 above and severe pain, suffering and/or
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1 emotional distress, and legal fees and costs to defend herself in the criminal proceeding entitling
2 her to damages in an amount to be proven at trial.

3 33. In committing the acts alleged above, the individually named defendants acted
4 maliciously and/or oppressively and were guilty of a wanton and reckless disregard for the rights,
5 feelings and safety of Plaintiffs and by reason thereof Plaintiffs are entitled to exemplary and
6 punitive damages in an amount to be proven at trial.

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8 **FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

9 [Civil Code § 52.1 Civil Rights Violation]

10 34. Plaintiff, Kayla Cashman, by and through her Guardian ad Litem realleges and
11 incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 33 above as though
12 fully set forth herein.

13 35. The acts alleged above, particularly the acts of unjustified criminal prosecution
14 and unreasonable search and seizure, constituted an unlawful seizure, in violation of Plaintiff,
15 Kayla Cashman's, rights guaranteed by the California Constitution (Article I, Section 13) and the
16 United States Constitution, specifically the Fourth Amendment thereto. These acts were
17 committed by threats, intimidation and/or coercion. Therefore, Plaintiff is entitled to damages
18 pursuant to California Civil Code section 52.1(b).

19 36. As a result of these acts, Plaintiff suffered the injuries and damages described in
20 the Factual Allegations and paragraphs 28 through 33 above and severe pain, suffering and
21 emotional distress, entitling her to damages in an amount to be proven at trial.

22 37. In committing the acts alleged above, the individually named defendants acted
23 maliciously and/or oppressively and were guilty of a wanton and reckless disregard for the rights,
24 feelings and safety of Plaintiff and by reason thereof Plaintiff is entitled to exemplary and
25 punitive damages in the amount to be proven at trial.

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27 **SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

28 [Intention Infliction of Emotional Distress]

38. Plaintiff, Stephen Cashman, realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 14 above as though fully set forth herein.

39. In committing the acts hereinbefore described Defendant Good crossed the bounds of human decency by informing plaintiff, Stephen Cashman that his daughter had been arrested and expelled from school, unless and until either plaintiff agreed to pay for the damage caused to the cart which was the result of defendant's own acts and/or omissions. That at the time, Defendant Good made the statements he intended to provoke and did provoke an angry response from plaintiff, and to coerce and/or extort the money Good was demanding for the cart repair.

40. As a result of hearing the statements uttered by defendant Good, plaintiff Stephen Cashman had an immediate and lasting angry emotional response.

41. During all relevant times hereto defendant Good knew or should have known that his statements were likely to cause and did in fact cause an immediate and long lasting emotional response which as substantially caused by the actions of defendant Good.

42. In committing the acts alleged above, the individually named defendant acted maliciously and/or oppressively and were guilty of a wanton and reckless disregard for the rights, feelings and safety of Plaintiff Stephen Cashman and by reason thereof Plaintiffs are entitled to exemplary and punitive damages in the amount to be proven at trial.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs prays for judgment against the defendants, and each of them, as follows:

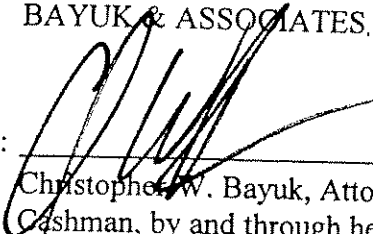
1. For general and compensatory damages against defendants and each of them in the amount to be proven at trial;
2. For exemplary and punitive damages against all defendants except defendant San Diego Unified School District, in an amount to be proven at trial;

3. For costs of suit herein, including reasonable attorney fees; and
4. For such other relief as the Court deems proper.

BAYUK & ASSOCIATES, Inc.

DATED: March 20, 2008

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